

Practical Cover Cropper - Thinking ahead to planting season

Taylor Hintch <taylor.hintch@practicalfarmers.org>

Tue 2/20/2024 4:40 PM

To: Carly Zierke <carly.zierke@practicalfarmers.org>



February 2024

Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.



Cover crop lessons from the 2024 Annual Conference

This year's annual conference featured a wealth of information on cover crops.

We heard from farmers **Roger Wilcox** of Pierson, Iowa, and **Bruce Willems** of Correctionville, Iowa, on planting into cover crops for both corn and soybeans. They gave attendees an in-depth look at their planter set-up. Roger also shared detailed videos of his planters.

View Roger's videos about the set-up for his [Kinze soybean planter](#) and [John Deere corn planter](#) to brush up or learn something new ahead of planting season.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Join us on March 4 for the Midwest Covers and Grains Conference



Monday, March 4 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us for the Midwest Covers and Grains Conference, taking place this year in Mankato, Minnesota!

This one-day event will explore topics on everything from incorporating oats and rye in rotations to direct marketing small grains. You'll learn from other farmers and advance your understanding of how diversified rotations and cover crops can work for you.

[View the speaker line-up and register today!](#) Pre-registration closes Feb. 26.

Explore the impact of cover crops on fieldwork suitability with us



Join a multi-farm research project investigating if cover crops contribute to earlier spring field access and rut-free fall harvests.

You'll participate by completing a weekly survey where you'll share insights on whether you could perform field activities without compromising integrity.

[Apply to join the trial by April 10.](#)

IN THE FIELD

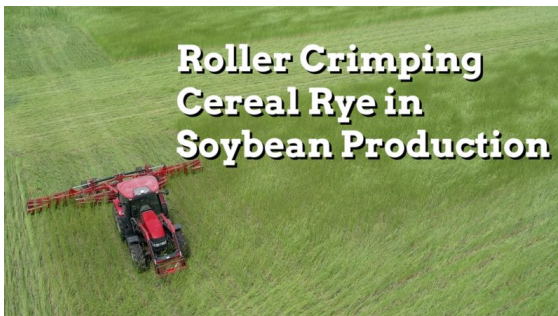
"Practical Cover Croppers" videos on planting green



Thinking ahead to planting season, explore tips from experienced cover croppers in the "Practical Cover Croppers" video series.

Watch ["Planting Soybeans Green Into Cereal Rye Cover Crop"](#) and ["Corn Planter Setup for Planting Green."](#)

Roller crimping cereal rye in soybean production



PFI research cooperater **Jon Bakehouse** compared two timings for roller-crimping and planting soybeans at dough and anthesis stages.

He discovered roller-crimping at anthesis stage provided higher net-returns. [View the report from his 2022 research project](#) or watch the video ["Roller Crimping Cereal Rye in Soybean Production"](#) to learn more.

Additional resources

- Blog: ["8 Planter Adjustments for Planting into Cover Crops"](#)
- Blog: ["Corn Following Cereal Rye Cover Crops: Research Sheds Light on Planting Green"](#)
- Research report: ["Corn Following Clover and Rye Cover Crops"](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming PFI events

All events listed are in Central time.

Feb 27: Winter Webinar –
Revitalizing Soil for a Small-Scale
Hemp Farm in Iowa
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

March 1: Shared Learning Call –
Frost-seeding Clover into Small
Grains with Meadowlark Organics
Noon- 1 p.m. | [Online](#)

March 19: Winter Webinar – An
Alternative Third Crop? Relay
Cropping Winter Camelina with
Soybeans
Noon-1 p.m. | [Online](#)

Friends of PFI events

Feb. 22-24: Conference – Organic
Farming Conference
Hosted by: Marbleseed
La Crosse, WI
***Visit PFI staff at this event**

March 13-14: Conference –
Midwest Soil Health Summit
Hosted by: Sustainable Farming
Association
Mankato, MN
***Visit PFI staff at this event**

[View our events calendar](#)

Contact our team

Taylor Hintch
Senior Field Crops Education
Coordinator
taylor.hintch@practicalfarmers.org

Solveig Orngard
Field Crops Education Coordinator
solveig.orngard@practicalfarmers.org

Lydia English
Senior Field Crops Viability Manager
lydia.english@practicalfarmers.org

Rebecca Clay
Senior Field Crops Viability
Coordinator
rebecca.clay@practicalfarmers.org

Chelsea Ferrie
Field Crops Viability Coordinator
chelsea.ferrie@practicalfarmers.org

Morgan Jennings
Field Crops Viability Coordinator
morgan.jennings@practicalfarmers.org

Megan Bark

Jennifer Reddel

Senior Cost-Share Administrative
Coordinator
megan.bark@practicalfarmers.org

Cost-Share Administrative Assistant
jennifer.reddel@practicalfarmers.org

Chat with any of us by calling the PFI office at (515)-232-5661.

Donate today

Join Practical Farmers



© 2023 Microsoft Dynamics. All rights reserved.

1615 Golden Aspen Dr Suite 101

[Unsubscribe](#)